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WEATHER FORECAST

Visibility and Velocity: Light winds. Clear and cold with a few patches of fog in the morning.

Temperature Yesterday: Maximum, 41°; minimum, 34° minimum on the grass. 34° Sunshine Yesterday: 3 hours 42 minutes.

SIXTEEN PAGES

Three Spearheads Driven Into Reich By American 7th

SIX Allied Armies Now Inside Germany for Showdown Battles of the Winter Offensive

(Continued from page 1) PARIS, Dec. 15 (UPI)—The United States Seventh Army, drove the spearhead of the German-occupied Palatinate today, four months to the day after it stormed the Mediterranean shore and began a chase of the enemy that left 500,000 across the Rhine.

Elements of the First and Third Armies and Third Division plunged ashore west of the Rhine at 0400 hours, while the 72nd beat the Lauber River line near Reichenbach and took the town.

Crossings of the border by the two divisions were made by the United States Army and First Canadian Army units, which had been involved in the final battles of the winter offensive.

The United States First Army, advancing along the south bank of the Roer River, was closing on the Rhine, while the Third Army, after overrunning two more fortified villages which gave it control of nine miles of the river, had reached north and south of the ruined city.

With the German Ninth Army, first now held undivided away from the rest of the Wehrmacht, the Air Force, greatest single natural obstacle to the Allies' advance, had fallen.

The British Second Army, which winged into the Saarland sector of the front, had driven west of the Rhine, was drawing up its lines east of the mouth of the Saar border from the Moselle, and had advanced 11 miles east of the Saar River.

An American division, the Seventh Army, vanquished across the German border, followed up toward the Rhine, while the French force had engaged the Germans in the lower towns of Reichenbach and Lauterburg, 10 miles from the big Chateau on page 7.

From Europe Day by Day

THE TIMES, London

New and Comment on International Events selected from "The Times," London, Daily Colonist by special arrangement with "The Vancouver Daily Province."

December 14, 1944—England and France—Dec. 13—Nothing to fight for in Alsace, says the Times. The French are doing nothing to do with peace or any other alternative.

The National Liberation Army is now rearming for another attempt to storm the capital before British reinforcements reach it in an considerable air strike.

Anger at both sides is growing in France, where the United States and Britain are friendly because they have had allied and wounded and dead to share since the daylight raids.

NATIONAL LIBERATION ARMY: In an article in another paper, who gave credit to the British, said: "We are fighting for our freedom because we have had allied and wounded and dead to share since the daylight raids."

RAF: The British are surprised by the number of bombers that dropped 12,000-pound bombs on Berlin and Rostov-on-Don: Limousin, France, and the North Sea Canal route.

WEAPONS FOUND: MEAPOARD, Ont., Dec. 14 (CP)—A wreckage of a plane, believed to be a British Avro Lancaster, was found since December 4 with an American crew of five, it has been found in the woods near the town of Orillia, Ontario, and is being investigated by Provincial Police.

British Press Concerned Over Churchill's Speech on Poland

LONDON, Dec. 14 (UPI)—The British government's statement of its stand on Poland in its speech yesterday on the European situation may bring about new alignments among the three powers.

The Liberal Manchester Guardian in an editorial declared: "This is not the time for us to be too anxious about the future of Poland."

According to the paper, the most important correspondent, peace, security, and the like, has been given to Poland, which might help form a new provisional Government.

The speech has made that the Metropolitan Archbishop of Almelo, the Netherlands, has appointed regent to remove the remains of politics from the immediate postwar period.

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Polish-Russian Problem Discussed by Churchill

Advise Acceptance of Offer of Soviet Union

LONDON, Dec. 15 (CP)—Following is a partial text of Mr. Churchill's address today in the House of Commons (Continued from page 1)

Opening this debate I find myself in a position to read to the House again some extracts from the carefully considered statement that I made to them in February after I returned from Teheran and also in October of the present year.

It is often said that one wishes to repeat what one has said before. I repeat what I said in February that I was most pleased when I was received at the Foreign Office in Europe. He told me that he had been in touch with the Foreign Minister and that he had been received upon the occasion and maintained a frank, sincere, but friendly conversation with him. I repeated the House and bring him up to date on the Polish problem. On February 22 I said that Britain would do all it could to raise personal issues with Marshal Stalin on the question of the future of Poland.

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